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SUBJECT: ICELAND' S FISHING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORWAY AND FRG

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1. GOI HAS SO FAR FAILED TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY (REFTTEL) NEGOTIATED AT TECHNICAL LEVEL, DESPITE EARLIER EXPECTATIONS THAT SUCH APPROVAL WOULD BE ANNOUNCED PROMPTLY. FONMIN AGUSTSSON HAS NOW GONE OFF TO HELSINKI FOR A WEEK AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT ONCE AGAIN DISAGREEMENT WITHIN CABINET, ALMOST CERTAINLY OCCASIONED BY FISHERIES MINISTER JOSEFSSON' S ADAMANT STANCE, IS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY PREVENTING CONCLUSION OF AN ARRANGEMENT ON FISHING LIMITS ISSUE. MFA SOURCE INDICATES GON WAS PROBABLY WILLING TO BACK AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED HERE AND THAT LACK OF AGREEMENT STEMS FROM PROBLEMS WITHIN GOI AT CABINET LEVEL.

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2. TALKS WITH FRG ON JUNE 29 FAILED TO REACH ANY AGREEMENT, AND ALTHOUGH PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY PARTICIPANTS AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN RATHER OPTIMISTIC, THERE IS APPARENTLY A VERY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DETAIL WORK TO BE DONE BEFORE ANYTHING CAN BE FINALIZED. GOI PRESS RELEASE SAYS ONLY THAT " SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE" AND THAT MEETINGS HAD BEEN " USEFUL". ICELANDERS EXPRESSED CERTAIN SATISFACTION WITH NEW APPROACHES MADE BY FRG, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR VARYING FISHING LIMITS FROM AREA TO AREA. PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY INCLUDES AREAS WHERE GERMANS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO FISH UP TO 12- MILE LIMIT AND OTHER AREAS WHERE THEY WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED WITHIN 70 MILES, BUT WITH MOST FISHING TO BE CONDUCTED 30-40 MILES OFF SHORE. REPORTEDLY, QUESTIONS OF TONNAGE, SIZE AND NUMBER OF SHIPS, AND JURISDICTION OVER OFFENDERS REMAIN UNRESOLVED. TALKS ARE TO BE CONTINUED SOMETIME IN LATE AUGUST. MARTIN

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